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Universal Basic Income
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for instituting the Universal Basic Income (UBI) Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the UBI scheme aims to transfer a reasonable basic income to Indians below the poverty line and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India lacks the fiscal resources for a UBI benchmarked to the poverty line and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken initiatives in implementing UBI by fixing the value of basic income doing away with the subsidies and selecting experimental areas to test and scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the UBI is likely to become an alternative poverty reduction mechanism in place of various ongoing social welfare programmes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) The Government has not proposed to institute Universal Basic Income Scheme.
(b) to (e) Does not arise.
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